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Embrace so many useful yet not costly articles, and our range of styles this year surpasses any shown heretofore. Match Boxes, Vaseline Jars, Photo Frames, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Souls, Nail Files, Whisks, Napkin Rings, Nail Polishers, etc., etc.

The price range is amply extensive to suit every purse.

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We have the finest Xmas Fruits in the city. We are selling:  
GOVERNMENT CREAMERY BUTTER, lb. 25c.  
LARGE TESTED EGGS, doz. 25c.  
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WETHEY'S MINCE MEAT, package 10c.

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Carvers and Carving Sets in Great Variety; also Gem & Rollman Mince Meat Choppers.

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**The Hickman Tye Hardware Co.,**

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82 and 84 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

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Several small lots WALLPAPERS at HALF PRICES, to clear out before stocktaking this month.

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## St. James' Ceylon Tea

Packed in 1 lb. lead packets, covered in Jute. This tea is packed at the gardens in Ceylon and shipped direct to Victoria.

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ENGLISH STILTON,

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## Water Lots For Sale

Two Lots in Inner Harbor. 140 Feet Frontage, Deep Water.

**E. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd.**

40 Government Street.

ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTE FOR

**WHEAT FLAKES**

Put up in 2-lb. packages.

The Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd.



## Guarantee Is Forthcoming

Announcement That the Grand Trunk Will Put Up Forfeit Next Week.

Government Displays Great Activity in Preparing For the Elections.

Yukon Appeal Dismissed By Supreme Court--Hoskins vs Le Roi Allowed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Prime Minister returned to Ottawa tonight, and a cabinet meeting will be held tomorrow to all the judicial vacancies and dispose of other matters. Meanwhile word has gone forth to the faithful to get ready. Hon. Mr. Fielding left again today for the maritime provinces to stir up his lieutenants to greater activity in view of the wonderful success achieved by Mr. Borden at his recent meetings.

Hon. Mr. Cartwright left for Toronto this morning to sound "the trumpet call to Liberals," as their organs announce it.

The Grit press makes the comforting announcement that the five million dollars deposit will be put up by the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters this week, but at the finance department the word is "not yet settled."

A. G. Doughty, a well-known literary man of Quebec, is to be appointed Dominion archivist and keeper of the records. The former position has been vacant since Dr. Brymner's death. A deputation of wallpaper manufacturers saw Hon. Mr. Patterson on tariff matters this morning.

A circular from the colonial secretary states that non-commissioned officers of the Imperial army serving for colonial governments, will be allowed to count their full period of colonial engagement towards pension in the same way as if the whole term of service had been with the Imperial forces. An annual contribution of £18 shall be made by the colonial government concerned towards such pension as the officers are serving with that colony.

The Supreme court today dismissed the Yukon appeal of Creese vs. Fleischmann; no costs allowed. In the appeal of Hoskins vs. Le Roi No. 2, the appeal was allowed, with costs, and a new trial ordered.

### EASTERN SNOWSTORM.

Blizzard Raging in New York State and Blockades Expected.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A blinding blizzard, which extends over the entire Catskill mountain district and this city, started this afternoon. The snow tonight is drifting rapidly and blockading roads.

### WADE ON THE AWARD.

Winnipeg Lawyer Will Lecture on Subject Next Tuesday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Fred C. Wade, K. C., who was one of the associate counsel on the British side in adjudication of the Alaskan boundary, has consented to give a public address in the Winnipeg theatre next Tuesday on the subject of the award.

### DREYFUS REVISION.

Mercier Completes Examination of Documents Submitted to Commission.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Victor Mercier, reporter of the Dreyfus commission, has completed his examination of documents submitted to the commission by the ministers of war and justice. He will now begin the preparation of his report, which he expects will be finished within a few days. Mr. Mercier's conclusions are not known, but Dreyfus' friends are confident that he will advise a revision of the case.

### UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL.

Harvard Decides That Games Do Not Interfere With Serious Pursuits.

Cambridge, Mass. Dec. 9.—The athletic committee of Harvard University, which was asked by the faculty of arts and science to report whether the big college football contests should be discontinued, has reported that it is not advisable at present to stop football games between university elevens. The committee ventures to express the opinion that the game of football is only one of many sports in college life, so that there is no evidence that its abolition would necessarily turn the attention of students to more serious pursuits.

### DEATH OF HERBERT SPENCER.

Due to Senile Decay and Body to Be Cremated According to Directions.

London, Dec. 9.—The attending physician certifies that Herbert Spencer died of senile decay. The distinguished writer having no near relatives living, was attended by nurses and his secretary. Mr. Spencer's body will be brought to London and cremated at Hampstead. Spencer is known of the extent of the autobiography of Herbert Spencer, which it is understood he has been writing during recent years. Numerous telegrams have been received from all parts of the world, expressing his warm admiration and sympathy with the deceased. The newspapers this morning print many columns of sketches, reminiscences and anecdotes of Herbert Spencer.

## Expects to Float The Flora Today

Cruiser Was Moved Six Feet When Hawser Broke and She May Come Off.

Rear Admiral Bickford Hopes That the Wreckers Will Succeed This Morning.

Will H. M. S. Flora be floated today? Naval men are very optimistic that she will. Yesterday morning she was dragged six feet nearer the sea from the position in which she has been held since she stranded on Village Point a week ago today. Then the hawser of the Grafton parted and the two bits of the flagship were dragged out of place as a result of the strain. As a result the efforts yesterday had to be abandoned, and pending another effort to be made today this morning the vessel is being lightened still further. Her guns, ammunition stores, etc., had been previously taken out of her, and she is now being reduced to a mere shell for the effort to be made today.

Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning the Grafton and Egeria will haul on the stranded vessel, and the crew of the vessel will also assist in the effort by hauling on the lines fastened to large anchors placed out to sea. Last night many additional anchors were thrown out, and with these on the steam gear of the stranded vessel, and the flagship and the tugboats, the effort to haul the wrecked Admiral Bickford's flagship is being made. It is hoped that this morning's effort will result in the vessel being again in her element. A heavy fog prevailed all day at the scene of the wreck, which hampered the work of the tugboats. The price being paid for this morning's effort is \$15,000, and the work will occupy about a month. If the Flora is floated today, the naval officials expect, the Moana will possibly have to be towed to some other dock for repairs, as the delay involved in waiting for the Esquimaux dock would involve a very heavy loss to her owners.

## NANCE O' NEILL IN LAW COURTS

Properties of Actress And McKee Rankin Seized in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—All the properties and costumes of Nance O'Neill, the actress, and McKee Rankin, who were attached today by Wm. Cleveland, manager of the Cleveland theatre, where for the last month Miss O'Neill and Rankin have been filling an engagement.

Admiral was made by Cleveland that the actress and Rankin were, in his belief, about to dispose of their property, leave the state and defraud him of his several hundred dollars advance expenses. Cleveland further alleged that the two jointly and separately had violated their contracts to play out the season because their expenses were greater than their salaries. Answers were filed in which Miss O'Neill and Rankin entered into no contract, and Rankin alleged that Cleveland owed him more money than the advance expenses amounted to.

The case was called at once, but after the testimony of Mr. Cleveland had been heard, was continued until tomorrow.

### MORE GOLD FOR NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 9.—Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co., announce the engagement of \$500,000 gold in London. Part of it is now in transit.

### ONTARIO LAND SALES.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Ontario government held a land sale this morning, when 876 miles were offered. The prices realized were in excess of the record. The highest price paid was for a lot in the township of York, which sold for \$10,250 per mile. The highest price realized in 1901 was \$4,700.

### WALKING BOSS SENTENCED.

New York, Dec. 9.—Henry Farley, walking boss of the Painters' Union, who committed perjury in connection with the trial of Samuel J. Parks, pleaded guilty today in court of general sessions and was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than two years in state prison.

### OUTRAGE ON SCHOOL TEACHER.

Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 9.—Miss Erlene Shuman, 16-year-old school teacher of the Parks school in this county, was overpowered by her unruly pupils here yesterday and tied in a pig trough with only her head above the surface of the water. She swore out warrants for assault and battery against six children today.

### A BUMPYOUS CONSUL.

Proposed to Take Law Into His Own Hands in Asia Minor and Gets Left.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—The Turkish official report of the incidents at Alexandretta, complained of by the United States consul, W. R. Davies, has been telegraphed here by the government of Beirut, as follows: "Attarian, a native of Kharpout, who has for some years been abroad, recently re-entered the country secretly and has been travelling in the interior with a Turkish passport. On his arrival lately at Alexandretta Attarian claimed the protection of the American consul and asked for his assistance to enable him to embark for Egypt. Mr. Davies accordingly notified the authorities, but the latter insisted that the sanction of the governor must be obtained and that the usual formalities be carried out, such as photographing Attarian. Mr. Davies refused to tolerate the delay and attempted to embark Attarian by force. The police arrested Attarian at the quay, whereupon Mr. Davies aided by his military couriers, struck the policeman, who was wounded in the face, and afterwards attempted to force an entrance into the guard house, breaking windows and doors, but unavailing. Thereupon Mr. Davies threatened that unless Attarian was released and allowed to embark within four hours he would himself force an entrance into the guard house. Mr. Davies then, on the same steamer Attarian tried to take."

## Legislative Assembly

Assessment Bill Brought Almost to a Finish Yesterday Afternoon.

Schedules Alone Remain to Be Considered By Committee Of Whole.

Other Measures are Advanced Through the Various Stages.

Tenth Day.

Mr. Speaker took the chair promptly at 2 o'clock.

Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A.

### PETITIONS.

The petition from the B. C. Copper Co. and others, asking amendments to the "Steam Boiler Inspection Act" was received.

### BILLS.

The following bills were introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow:

By the Hon. Mr. Tait—Bill (No. 16) entitled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902.'"

By the Hon. Mr. Fulton—Bill (No. 17) entitled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1890.'"

By Mr. Lawton—Bill (No. 18) entitled "An Act to further amend the 'Steam Boiler Inspection Act, 1901.'"

The bill to amend the Coal Mines Act was read a third time and duly passed.

### THE ASSESSMENT BILL.

The House then went into committee of the whole in adjourned consideration of the Assessment Bill, Mr. Clifford chairman. The discussion was resumed at section 109, which is as follows:

"All taxes payable under this act shall be payable at the office of the assessor or collector appointed for the assessment district in which the same are due, and may be paid to the assessor either in gold coin, silver (to the extent only of twenty dollars by one person at one time), bank notes issued by any chartered bank in Canada, marked bank cheques, postoffice money orders, postal notes, or express orders; and where payment is tendered by cheque or order they shall be made payable to the assessor or collector appointed for the district free of exchange cost of remittance or other charges; and the tax shall not be deemed paid, notwithstanding any receipt given therefor, until the amount of such cheque or order shall have been collected by the assessor."

Mr. Evans (Covichan) offered an amendment to the foregoing clause to the effect that the collector should call on each taxpayer, but the Hon. Finance Minister pointed out the great additional cost of this would entail upon the government officials and declined to accept.

On the amendment being put to vote it was lost, nem. con. Section 109 then passed as written.

Sections 110 and 111 dealing with notice when taxes are due and receipt books were taken as read.

Section 112 provides that the whole amount of tax shall be paid at once, unless the land be subdivided. It passed without comment. All the sections from 113 to 140, being the same as in the old act were taken as read.

Section 141, dealing with the disposal of surplus also passed without comment. No discussion took place until section 120 was reached, when Mr. Tanner (Sanich) moved in amendment to strike out the reference in the section to publication of the tax sale advertisement, as follows: "No such notice shall be published in the weekly edition of a newspaper if the newspaper has a daily edition."

He argued that people in those districts took only weekly papers, and if the advertisement were only in a daily paper many people would not see it. The amendment carried.

Mr. John Houston strenuously objected to the proposed change in the amount to be paid to newspapers for advertising tax sales. He held that newspapers should be paid at fair rates for work done for the government. The rate proposed is 75 cents for each lot. Mr. Houston held that the sum should be \$1.

Mr. Macdonald thought that where one person owned a large number of lots the newspaper should be charged so much. He suggested that the clause should read that the advertising should not exceed a certain sum.

Mr. Wells upheld the finance minister's view of the case.

Mr. Houston said that probably the finance minister was the Columbia sawmill owner, knew more about running a newspaper than he did. If so he was prepared to quit. He insisted that his view was the correct one.

The Finance Minister retorted that while he might not know as much about running a newspaper as the hon. member for Nelson, but if he did run one it would not be a scurrilous one like that run by the hon. member for Nelson.

Mr. Houston asked the Finance Minister to explain what he meant by alluding to his paper as scurrilous, and what his newspaper had to do with the discussion.

The hon. attorney-general said the suggestion of the hon. leader of the opposition was a good one, and at some length defended the section as it stood. The section duly passed unamended.

Mr. Drury asked regarding section 133, referring to lands unsold to vest in the Crown, if the land became irreversibly the property of the Crown, and was informed by the hon. attorney-general that unless the government got its money it took the land. The section stood over for further consideration.

All the sections from 141 to 157 were taken as read, being portions of the old act.

On reconsideration of section 141, proposed by Mr. Tanner (Sanich), he proposed against the rate of 12 per cent on land redeemed. He suggested 6 per cent, so as to prevent mere land speculators purchasing. He contended that the section as it stood would simply take advantage of a man's misfortune, and that it was not fair to allow the interest were maintained at 12 per cent there would be little or no inducement to purchase, and the government would find it difficult to sell the land. He did not propose to admit the proposed amendment.

## Nanaimo News Briefly Told

Peculiar Position of Prisoner Who Can Find No Judge to Try His Case.

Work at Newcastle Quarry Being Actively Pushed and Shipments Ready.

Special to the Colonist.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 9.—Two men who cannot get away from each other, do what they will, arrived here together on the steamer Don on Monday evening stayed together last night. They are Constable Jones, of Salmon River, and Mr. W. W. Waugh, also of that place. Mr. Jones would gladly dispose of Mr. Waugh, and Mr. Waugh would be glad to get rid of Mr. Jones, but a mistake in a legal document compels them to keep in sight of each other, and apparently to remain in that manner over the surface of British Columbia. Moreover nobody seems to know just how they are to be parted.

The trouble originated in a squabble over some land at Salmon River, in the best of which Mr. Waugh assaulted Mr. John Bellmaire. Mr. Bellmaire determined to have the law on Mr. Waugh, and the end of it was that Mr. Waugh was committed for trial by the local magistrate and sent down to Vancouver. There, however, the authorities declined to have anything to do with the matter. The alleged offence had been committed in Nanaimo county and no judge of another county could hear the case or grant bail or anything else. Constable Jones accordingly brought his prisoner across the Gulf and hailed him before Judge Harrison. That is, he would have had him, but Judge Harrison was not to be caught trying prisoners who had been committed to Vancouver, and other out of the way places. The constable then tried to deliver the goods in the Nanaimo jail here. "You don't," said Sheriff Drake. "You have no papers directed to me, and I know nothing about the man. You can't come here handing people over in the street and take their charge off my hands. Go once again the jail doors closed in the face of the prisoner."

Constable and accused spent the evening in the office of the Hotel Wilson, the latter looking very tired of it all and the former as if the thing were getting on his nerves. This morning they resumed their weary journey in search of judgment, crossing the Gulf again, and going on to New Westminster, where the constable Jones will implore the warden of the jail to take his charge off his hands, and the charge will try to find a judge who will hear the case.

Mr. J. S. Emery, the well-known contractor of San Francisco, and Mr. D. Edward Collins, the Oakland banker, are here inspecting the Newcastle quarry, which the former leased a few months ago. Mr. Emery stated that about 300 tons of stone was ready for shipment, and that as soon as he could get the necessary permits to ship to San Francisco, Mr. Emery said further that he anticipated a considerable development of the operations here in the near future.

The stone was the best on the Coast, the big quarries being five or six miles from the Newcastle quarry, he put up thirty years ago, showing no signs of weathering. He believed it would be used extensively for building operations in the spring, as in many of the United States cities big ten-story structures were to be put up, built of steel and iron, which would have to be faced with stone cut in large blocks, to be delivered in San Francisco. Mr. Emery's local superintendent, Mr. J. W. Davies, thirty years ago Mr. Emery sent him up here to manage the quarries. When they were abandoned at the end of three years, Captain Davies took over the quarry, engaged in business, and remained there until leaving the county until a few months ago, when Mr. Emery wrote and asked him if he would like another trip North. The old veteran was quite willing, and in spite of his 75 years is now here, energetically looking after the interests of his employer of a generation ago.

News was received here today of the death of Mrs. Mark Churchill, who, with her husband and family, removed to Vancouver a few months ago. Mrs. Churchill was quite a young woman, and the sad news, which was altogether unexpected, has shocked a large circle of friends, who have been very prominent in church and lodge work in Nanaimo.

Thomas Campbell, one of the best known local Bonifaces, for many years proprietor of the Newcastle House, was seized with paralysis on Monday evening and now lies at death's door in the local hospital.

Yesterday Magistrate Yarwood finally disposed of the cases of juvenile crime which came up last week, the parents of the six boys concerned signing bonds, evidently very reluctantly, as they regarded them as entangling their property for the good behavior of their offspring for the next twelve months.

This method of dealing with youthful offenders is having excellent results. The knowledge that failure to prevent their boys from breaking the law will cause the sureties to lose \$200, has a salutary effect upon careless parents, and discipline is now enforced in homes which knew little of it before.

The use of obscene language on the street is being put down with a strong hand by police and magistrates. Yesterday a young man who was convicted of the offence was fined \$10 and costs.

The Women's Auxiliary of the hospital held their monthly meeting on Monday afternoon and decided to celebrate St. Andrew's Day with a collection, in accordance with their usual custom.

H. H. Morris, inspector of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is paying his usual official visit at the local branch.

### RUSSIANS WILL RESIST.

Reported to Be Building Forts to Stop British Expedition to Tibet.

London, Dec. 9.—The Daily Mail's correspondent says it is reported by the Chinese representative in Tibet that the Russians are building two forts and are preparing to resist the British expedition. The locality in which these forts are being built is not definitely known.

### DEPUTIES FIRED ON.

More fighting in Colorado Coal Fields, But No One Hurt.

Trinidad, Dec. 9.—While a number of deputies and clerks were driving from Berwind to Tobasco this afternoon they were fired upon by several men hid behind rocks and brush. The deputies and clerks jumped from the wagon and returned the fire. The shooting continued at intervals of thirty minutes, though no one was injured. The double funeral of Velano and Rand, the miners killed by guards in the battle on Monday night will be held tomorrow afternoon. This being the first bloodshed since the strike began great preparations are being made for a demonstration.

## British News By Cable

London Papers Reprove Sifton For Reported Remarks on Fiscal Policy.

Visit of English Lacrosse Players Has Been Postponed For Present.

Canadian Liberals No Longer Believe in Free Trade As Have It In England.

London, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The English lacrosse union has postponed the visit of the English team to Canada for the present.

W. Darlington, a Montreal workingman, in a long letter to the Birmingham Daily Post, says: "All over Canada it is apparent that there is a desire on the part of the Boards of Trade to endorse Chamberlain. Workingmen all over without exception favor retaliation against countries that refuse to trade with Great Britain on a fair basis. The only difference between the Conservatives and Liberals of Canada is that the former desire a higher tariff than the latter."

The Westminster Gazette referring to Lord Onslow's speech says: "It is interesting to observe that the home breeder is not the least more inclined to admit cattle from Canada than when it comes from the United States. It is enough for him that the Imperial tariff as foreign cattle have the undersired effect of lowering prices."

The St. James Gazette doubts the accuracy of the report of Hon. Mr. Sifton's speech as quoted. The Standard also accepts the report with considerable reserve and says if Mr. Sifton really protested against the Dominion abandoning its control of its manufacture of being treated like a squalling infant crying for a piece of protection and threatening to break up the Empire if she did not get it, he has completely misunderstood the whole spirit, intention and actual utterances of Mr. Chamberlain on this subject.

### FILED IN TROY.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The Commerce and Lumber Company's factory was destroyed by fire late tonight. Loss, \$35,000.

### GERMANY'S NEW TARIFF.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Importers of American goods at Hamburg and Bremen have received the assurance that Germany will not source that there is little probability that the new tariff will go into effect before January, 1905. The grain duties stand at serious point of difference with Russia.

### RECORD OIL PRICES.

Pittsburg, Dec. 9.—The Standard and Producers and Refiners Oil Companies today revised the quotation of Pennsylvania oil three cents, bringing the price up to \$1.90, the highest since May, 1895. Tulsa, Corning and Newcastle were also advanced three cents, while the lower grades were put up one cent.

### SACRED VESSELS FROM ROME.

Pope Pius Preparing to Make Distribution of an Accumulation.

## The Situation In the Far East

**Russian Warships Arrive at  
Chempulpo and Admiral Pro-  
tests Opening of Port.**

**Protraction of Final Negotia-  
tions Causes Uneasiness at  
Tokio.**

London, Dec. 10.—The correspondent of the Times at Tokio says that two Russian cruisers and two battleships have assembled at Chempulpo, the Russian ministers to Korea, accompanied by the admiral commanding the fleet, had an audience with the Emperor, in the course of which, it is believed, he renewed his protest against the opening of Yonampoh to foreign commerce. The Times' Shanghai correspondent reports that a leading native journal asserts that an edict is about to be issued notifying the viceroys and governors of the intention of the court to remove to Singa Pu, in the province of Shensi.

No further news has been received here showing the reported arrival of a large Russian squadron at Chempulpo has any significance beyond that indicated in recent despatches. The names of the vessels which have arrived at Chempulpo are not given.

Despatches to the Daily Telegraph from Tokio and Nagasaki, under date of Wednesday, do not even mention the arrival of the squadron. The Tokyo correspondent states that the situation has undergone no change except an increase in tension due to the protraction of negotiations. They also report that the Japanese government is making no modification of its position.

The correspondents of both the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph expect that Viceroy Alexieff will start for St. Petersburg immediately.

Leading editors of the newspapers this morning point out that Russia is bound by the strong obligation to Great Britain to respect the integrity of Korea, as it was of the understanding that this should be done that Great Britain restored Port Hamilton to Korea.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The correspondence between Baron De Rosen, Russian minister to Japan, and Admiral Alexieff, Russian viceroy of the Far East, concerning the opening of the Japanese demarcation, was despatched from the Far East yesterday. Owing to the time taken in the transmission of the correspondence, the submission of the Japanese negotiations may be delayed several days.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The National Zeitung, which has recently published a number of accurate telegrams from St. Petersburg, today printed the following from St. Petersburg, under yesterday's date: "The declaration that a Russo-Japanese settlement is immediately at hand, the diplomats doubtless base their opinion on a well-established fact that during three weeks there have been no active exchange of telegrams between Tokio and Washington, which suddenly stopped two days ago. The diplomats concluded from this circumstance that the governments of the United States and Japan had been engaged in highly important negotiations regarding possible common action against Russia and that the negotiations have been concluded."

The foreign office has not been informed of the details of the Japanese negotiations, but it regards the basis of the understanding as cabled to the Associated Press from St. Petersburg yesterday as being within reasonable probabilities, and the officials here remain firmly convinced that a settlement will be reached.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Yokohama advices received here from Tokio today say Russia's reply to the Japanese proposals has not yet been received, and it is not believed that it will be received before the end of the year.

It is believed that unless Japan's minimum demands are virtually conceded the cabinet at Tokio may decline any further negotiations. A section of the Japanese press is expected to impeach the cabinet for its apparent lack of aggressiveness, but the result is doubtful, as the government can dissolve the house if the opposition threatens to embarrass its foreign policy. Japan generally is calmly waiting Russia's reply, ready to end the suspense one way or the other, but resolved not to yield anything of her present moderate stand.

**QUEBEC'S NEW HOTEL.**

Quebec, Dec. 9.—A syndicate of American and Canadian capitalists, headed by J. W. Drake, of Chicago, are reported to have practically completed arrangements for the construction here of the largest hotel in the Dominion. The site will be near the old Kent gate and the Parliament building. Options have been secured on the land. No cost has been mentioned, but it is said construction will begin in the spring. The hotel will be ready for guests in the spring of 1905.

**TORONTO STUDENTS IN ARTS.**

Toronto, Dec. 9.—At the annual dinner of university students' faculty to-night in the hall of the "The Empire," Prof. Alfred Baker, in referring to Mr. Chamberlain's policy, incidentally declared that Canada would yet be the dominating nation of America. Referring to the loss of the Empire court, minister of education (Ontario), doubted the benefits to Mr. Chamberlain's policy, and thought the former colonial secretary's policy as yet was very ill-defined.

**THE DOWIE RECEIVERSHIP.**

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The settlement of the Dowie receivership may not pass, as the order signed by Judge Kohlsaat Tuesday indicated. Attorneys for one of the creditors served notice on representatives of all the other interested parties that a motion would be presented before Judge Kohlsaat tomorrow to strike out that part of the order providing for the payment by Dowie of all expenses of the receivership. The point will be made that Dowie has no right to agree to pay these costs until he is proved insolvent.

**LANGLEY'S FLYING MACHINE.**

Everything Worked Beautifully but Frame Work Broke in Half.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Dr. S. P. Langley, the secretary of Smithsonian institute, whose aerodrome failed to fly yesterday, today said that he did not know what caused the accident. P. M. Langley, who was on the machine, said that it was impossible to say when the engines worked beautifully, and everything seemed to be smooth until the rear end of the machine struck something and the frame work broke in half.

**E. & J. BURKE'S  
THREE STAR  
OLD IRISH WHISKEY**

Best mellow Flavored Whiskey produced by age and high quality

## PRIVATE BANK FAILS.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 9.—The private banking firm of Blair & Co. has suspended payment. No statement has been issued as yet.

## DISAPPOINTED LOVER'S SUICIDE

Hesper, Ont., Dec. 9.—Aug. Fleider, aged 24 years, shot and killed himself yesterday. Disappointed in love is supposed to have been the cause.

## DOWAGER COUNTESS MARRIED.

London, Dec. 9.—Carra, Dowager Countess of Stratford (formerly Mrs. Samuel K. Colgate, of New York), and M. T. Kennard were married today at St. George's church, Hanover Square, this city.

## PIONEER SETTLER DEAD.

Midland, Ont., Dec. 9.—Thomas Gladstone, the oldest resident of the town, is dead, aged 92 years. He came to Canada from England about 60 years ago. He was Midland's first postmaster, continuing in office until a few years ago.

## GERMAN UNIVERSITY.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The university extension movement has taken strong hold of the University of Heidelberg. Henceforth professors will be allowed to hold lectures accessible to any adult person.

## BURGLARS SENTENCED.

Corwall, Ont., Dec. 9.—The Winchester gang of burglars was sentenced this afternoon by Judge O'Reilly. Chas. Wilson and John Martin each received four years and Frank Waterhouse three years, in the Kingston penitentiary. All have been guilty of many burglaries.

## Patrolling the Panama Coasts

**U. S. Cruisers Keeping a Watch-  
ful Eye For Possible  
Invaders.**

**Washington Ready to Despatch  
Troops to Help Fight  
Colombians.**

Washington, Dec. 9.—United States Senator Reiter concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Senator Morgan was next heard in opposition to it. Mr. Morgan took occasion to refer frequently to the Panama canal treaty, and in that connection again freely criticized what he denominated "Presidential usurpation." He declared that the United States is becoming affected to the core with covetousness, and said the country seemed to be quivering with doubt as to whether it should go over entirely or pursue the better course followed by our national fathers. So far as he was concerned, he would not be so much as to yield to a temptation simply to advance the commercial interests of his state. He asserted that the United States would do as it might please with the island of Cuba, and added: "She is now fettered to the decks of our warships as firmly as Professor Langley's airship was over attached to his house boat." He spoke of the negotiation of the Panama canal treaty as a grotesque act, and said that Panama had "no more right to appoint a minister to the United States than that country had to consecrate a saint."

He came, the Senator continued, "as a swift winged messenger of falsehoods, despatching his mission by the Panama Canal Company."

Mr. Morgan said that the United States is practically at war with Colombia as the result of the fact that the President had fallen into a trap. He wanted, he said, to save the Senate from this same trap, and again referred to Mr. Bunau-Varilla, and after reviewing briefly that gentleman's history as an engineer and contractor on the Panama canal, said that he had contracted with the United States, and had left the isthmus a rich man.

Mr. Morgan said that his whole purpose was to warn the Senate against ratifying a treaty, the negotiation of which he characterized as a "most wretched, a most abominable and a most horrible transaction."

Notwithstanding this was the case, the Senator continued, the Senate sleeps over this breach of the Monroe doctrine, while the President of France and the President of the United States unite in union their solemn and satisfied Amen. He expressed the opinion that the cost of the Panama canal in its early stages would be so great as to cause Congress to stop the appropriations before the company had gone far, and thus accomplish the purpose of the transcontinental railroads in preventing the construction of any canal.

Discussing the President's message, he said the chief executive had failed to execute the Spooner law, because it was distasteful to him, and declared that he had not succeeded in formulating any satisfactory excuse for his course. He predicted that the time would come when Cuba would "rip the threads that restrain her and bind her to the United States and again float off into the seas of liberty."

In such an effort, he continued, Cuba might find a friend in Germany, which might follow on example and create a state of independence in a night and annex it with the next sunrise. No doubt there would be fighting, for who, he asked, "is more eager to fight than the Emperor William or our own strenuous President?" Then he proceeded to say that only yesterday he had met a great Democrat, who had "had a place in our affairs only second in importance to the Presidency, had made a name for himself in diplomacy (evidently meant for United States Secretary of State Olney) who had bowed his head as he said: 'For the first time in my life I have to confess I am ashamed of the attitude of my country.'"

Mr. Morgan, reverting again to Cuba, said: "Our relations with the island ought to remain as they are, so far as our economic policy is concerned, or she ought to be admitted as a state."

Mr. Morgan stopped speaking at 4:05, and the Senate went into executive session and ten minutes later adjourned.

## ARGUE HEINZ CASE.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 9.—The contempt case in which the Boston & Montana Company is charged with mining operations in the Pennsylvania mine which are alleged to be the property of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, was argued and submitted today.

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**UNFAIR RULING.**

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been advised that the American authorities will not permit parcels from Canada to go through American territory into Mexico without paying duty.

## Senators Score The President

**Denounce Presidential Usurpation in Panama And Grotesque Canal Treaty.**

**The Treaty "A Most Abominable and a Most Horrible Transaction".**

Colon, Dec. 9.—The United States cruiser Atlanta is still patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast and keeping an outlook for any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to land troops on the isthmus, which the Atlanta would at once prevent. The Atlanta is also endeavoring to ascertain if the Indians know anything of the movement of the troops from the interior across the frontier, and is also seeking information concerning the alleged concentration of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrato river, on the Gulf of Darien. The Atrato river being in Colombian territory, the Atlanta, of course, could not interfere with any movement of Colombian troops there.

The United States gunboat Bancroft left today to patrol the end of the San Blas coast in co-operation with the Atlanta. It is expected that the latter vessel will return here in a day or two to report.

Bogota, Dec. 7, via Colon, Dec. 9.—A prominent and well-informed politician who is close to the government, when questioned today by the Associated Press correspondent, declined to give any expression of opinion concerning the ratification of the canal treaty by the government of the Republic of Panama. The following expression of the attitude of the Colombian government, however, is authorized, the strict censorship preventing a fuller report: "The statement issued by United States Secretary of State Hay in explanation of the violent happenings on the isthmus of Panama, has produced a most unfortunate and disastrous impression in political and diplomatic circles here by reason of its contradictions and its lack of sincerity and logical arguments. The Bogota press has answered Secretary Hay's statement in the most vigorous and convincing manner. The central government is willing to continue to act with dignity and honor, but it has decided to combat the independence of the isthmus most determinedly and without cessation. Americans here continue to enjoy complete security despite the indignities of the people."

Washington, Dec. 9.—The policy of the United States navy department with respect to the entry of Colombian troops into Panama was said today, to be a matter before it is commenced. When seen today by General Young, chief of staff, authorized statements to be made that the war department was ready to despatch troops to the isthmus on short notice. Although the department has heretofore been opposed to the repeated reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Panama and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion.

## AMERICAN CONSUL ON MANCHURIA

**Just Returned Traveller Relates  
His Experiences In Chinese  
Province.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—Jas. W. Davidson, United States consul at Tamsui, Formosa, who is here on his way home after four months of extensive travel in Manchuria, says that through the courtesy of Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, and was provided with a special car when traveling on the Manchuria railway and that every facility was placed at his disposal by the Russian officials throughout his journey. Consul Davidson gathered much valuable information, some of which corrects the misapprehensions concerning Manchuria now current in Europe. He found that Manchuria, especially in the Laopao valley is very fertile and with a dense Chinese population. Much money, the consul says, is being spent between Vladivostok and Port Arthur in the erection of many permanent buildings. None of these buildings, however, are on the east of the China railway as has been reported. Trade between Vladivostok and Port Arthur is very heavy, calling for the operation of thirty trains daily.

General Davidson refutes the story that the efforts to make Dalny an ice free port have failed. Though ice had formed inside the breakwater, it did not in any way interfere with navigation. The consul confirms the report that depredations had been committed by Chinese robbers, calling for the employment of Russian troops from a view of suppressing the depredations, the recapture of Mukden by the Russians, Consul Davidson says, consisted only in the placing of forty guards at the gates.

## FRICTION CAUSED BY THE SEIZURE

**Of the Russian Steamer Progress Which Sank a Japanese Vessel.**

London, Dec. 9.—The Daily Mail this morning carries a despatch from Hako date which says that the Russian minister to Japan, Baron De Rosen, demanded the instant release of the Russian steamer Progress, seized by the Japanese authorities pending a decision of the courts on the claim of the Japanese Steamship Company for \$75,000 damages against the Progress for sinking the Japanese steamer Takia Maru in collision on October 29. The Russian government protested the seizure. The Japanese claim that the Progress had no jurisdiction in the case, as the collision occurred on the high seas and threatened to enter action against the Japanese Steamship Company and to seize the company's mail steamer at Vladivostok.

## OUSTED THE CHINESE.

The Daily Mail's Tientsin correspondent says that 1,000 Russians expelled the Chinese officials from the treasury at Mukden, and installed themselves in their places.

## TO ATTACK GOVERNMENT.

The Times' Tokio correspondent says that, although the Sei Yui Kai and progressive parties have definitely agreed to attack the government and financial policy of the cabinet, it is not likely to be effective when confronted by the firm resolve of the ministry not to alter its policy and also because the parties hold different views.

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## Russia Continues The Aggression

**Empress of India Bring News of  
Occupation of Haicheng  
By Russians.**

**Murder of a Noted Political  
Fugitive in Japan By Assassins  
From Korea.**

Yokohama, brought news of continued Russian moving in Manchuria, Haicheng having been re-occupied as well as Mukden. The Japanese press was more impatient and was urging the Japanese government to set a time limit for a definite reply from Russia to Japan's overtures. In Korea, the United States and Japan were continuing to press for the opening of Yonampoh, but nothing being heard of British, in that matter, and Russia continued to strongly oppose the request. Korea had meanwhile fallen back on her dignity and resented the United States and Japanese representatives infringing diplomatic usage in relation to a sovereign power. The Korean minister having resigned, the government from Russia has been increased. He made a promise to the powers that the port would be opened on the authorization of the Emperor, and now the promise has been discredited by the Emperor. Incidentally Japan is under pressure to bear annual demands for a currency reform at Seoul for protection of Japanese merchants in Korea.

## FUGITIVE ASSASSINATED.

From Kobe news is given of an assassination of a notable Korean political refugee, U Pan-chong, ex-minister of foreign affairs, by two Koreans at Kure near Hiroshima, on November 24th. The victim had been living in Japan since 1897. The assassins had ingratiated themselves with the victim since their arrival from Korea two months before and had been waiting for an opportunity to give him an entertainment. The murderers, who were arrested by Japanese police, are said to have been commissioned in Korea to kill the former minister for the part he is alleged to have taken in the murder of the late Queen of Korea.

## THE INSURANCE MATTER.

The New York Life Insurance Company on November 24th made the deposit of \$50,000 required by the Japanese government from foreign insurance companies. This is the first foreign company to comply. Since the order was made on June 26th last objections have been taken, and the matter was postponed until settlement until the beginning of the new year at the suggestion of the British minister.

## JAPAN'S PARLIAMENT.

At the session of the Japanese Diet, commencing December 5th, apart from the international situation, the main subjects of interest are the proposed readjustment of the provinces for political purposes and the establishment of a government monopoly of tobacco manufacture. It is thought the prefectural re-organizing proposals will fall through owing to political opposition, but the government intends to stand or fall by its tobacco monopoly scheme. There is strong opposition, the present manufacturers who import considerable raw material from the United States, objecting to the compensation provided in the government bill as insufficient.

## COLLISARY DISASTER.

A colliery accident in the Akaike mine, Kinsui, on November 20th, killed the tyro men. There were 600 in the mine and that heavier loss of life did not occur is due to the colliery officers showing great presence of mind in rushing rescue work.

## SEEKING A COMMANDER.

Rome, Dec. 9.—Negotiations are still pending looking to the selection of an officer, probably a general, as commander of the proposed international gendarmerie in Macedonia. It is absolutely decided that should an Italian officer be selected, he will be sent to enter the service of Turkey, as this would interfere with his duties, which would not only be unlimited in exercising vigilance for the protection of Muslim and Christian alike, but which would also compel him to see that Ottoman rule in Macedonia did not conflict with the Austro-Russian reform scheme as accepted by the Porte.

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The \$2,500 reward which the state of Washington, through proclamation, held out for the capture of the outlaw, Tracy, will at last be paid to the five men who surrounded him and shot him in August, 1901. A despatch from Olympia, Wash., says the Washington state attorney-general has removed the last legal objection to the payment of the reward to Maurice Smith, Charles A. Straub, Joseph Morrison, Frank Lillgreen and E. C. Lanier. The reward has been held up for so long on account of a suit for the right to collect the reward brought by Richard Gemrigg and others, who were present the following morning after the fight with Tracy, when his lifeless body was found in the wheat field where he had committed suicide rather than be captured. This suit, which was tried in the Superior court of Lincoln county, resulted favorably for Maurice Smith and his associates, and the time having elapsed in which an appeal could be taken to the Supreme court, the attorney-general has directed that the reward be paid to the successful claimants.

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## A SEEMINGLY GOOD SUGGESTION.

Sir Sandford Fleming, the father of the Pacific cable project, now makes, in an open letter, an apparently valuable suggestion to the effect, that for a period at least, a Canadian and New Zealand press telegram service should be established, without cost, under the charge of a properly organized association, and in connection with the Government-owned Pacific cable.

He points out that at present there is no press telegraphic service between Canada and Australia, this being effectively prevented, so far as the leading Australian journals are concerned—which latter would have to pay part of the cost of press despatches interchanged under present conditions—by the fact that the Eastern Extension Cable Company has made a monopoly agreement on the subject.

As Sir Sandford Fleming puts it: "Long before the Pacific cable was completed, its great antagonist, the astute Eastern Extension Company, alive to its own interests, took time by the forelock and made contracts with the leading newspapers of the Commonwealth (who in their turn dominate the lesser papers) for the exclusive supply of press cablegrams. These contracts extend over a term of years, and thus the whole of the Australian papers are tied to the Eastern Extension Company. As a consequence, the people of the Australian states obtain no telegraphic news from England, or from any part of the world, except through the Eastern Extension Company."

And to make matters worse, the Eastern Extension Company in this connection fails to supply any telegraphic interchange of news between Canada and Australia that is worthy of mention.

The results are bad in many ways, for, as Sir Sandford Fleming adds, amongst other remarks:

"As a single illustration of the condition of ignorance respecting current Australian affairs in which we in Canada remain, I may instance the animated discussions in the Australian Parliament on an agreement between the Australian Government and the Eastern Extension Company which required ratification of Parliament. The Governments of Canada and New Zealand and the home Government had protested against the agreement as inimical to the Pacific cable. The discussions in the Australian Parliament were in July, August and September of the present year. They were wholly unknown. Not until the mails arrived in October did we hear of them. Not until November 6th did we learn definitely that the ratification of the measure was not concurred in. Had there been a cable news service between the two countries we would have had intimation of its fate on September 8th. It was nearly two months after that date before we had any certain knowledge of the fact that a measure, held to be hostile to the interests in which Canada is concerned, was abandoned in the Senate of the Commonwealth."

"That is merely one illustration of the need of a news service; cases continually arise; if enquiry be made at the department of trade and commerce it will be found that there is abundant evidence establishing that opportunities of developing various branches of trade are lost for want of that knowledge of what is going on which a press service would continually furnish."

It is then shown by Sir Sandford Fleming that in a period of from half an hour to an hour a day, the suggested Canadian-Australian free telegraphic service could be carried on over the Pacific cable, which has at present only about a tenth of the day occupied by the paying business, which goes over the line.

The free service would, therefore, not detract from the present earning capacity of the Pacific cable, nor would it add anything worth mentioning to working expenses as the cable staff is only very partly employed. Indeed by directly and indirectly stimulating trade and general intercourse, such a press service would probably add very considerably, in due course, to the general earning capacity of the cable.

These facts have already been recognized by the Dominion Government, which passed an Order-in-Council on the subject in March 7th last, and invited Australian and New Zealand co-operation in the proposal for a free press cable service. New Zealand replied favorably, but Australia raised objections, which have not since been waived or removed on its behalf.

Since, therefore, Australia declines to concur in the complete suggestion, Sir Sandford Fleming now proposes that there be substituted for it a Canadian and New Zealand free press cable service, as both Canada and New Zealand are willing, and Great Britain, a chief partner in the Pacific cable, will presumably, raise no objection.

This would be better than the present absence of regular press communication between Canada and any part of the Antipodes.

Sir Sandford Fleming does not, however, state in his letter whether or not Australia, as a co-partner in the Pacific cable, would assent to the suggested Canadian and New Zealand free press telegram service. But it may fairly be presumed, from his official position, that

he has reason to believe that the Australian Commonwealth might waive objections to the modified proposal, which should in due course make easier the larger proposal of a Canadian-Australian service.

(Sir Sandford Fleming's open letter will doubtless do good service by eliciting general Canadian opinion on an important matter of much international interest, and giving as he perhaps intends, something of a lead to the Dominion Government in the case.)

## CONCERNING WHALES AND SEALS.

Canada has now a big set-off to the Behring Sea seals in the whales of Hudson Bay, on which, by the bye, American hunters have long been poaching, or at least making destructive inroads, without interruption by the Dominion. This state of things may, however, now be disturbed, as the Dominion Government has seemingly decided to assert practically Canada's treaty-accorded rights of full control and ownership—under the Empire—of the great sea of Hudson Bay. As a result Canada has, as the Toronto News of the other day reminded us, a far stronger claim to the Hudson Bay whales, since they are born and live in Canadian territorial waters that are well enclosed by Canadian land, whilst the seals of Behring Sea are not merely denizens of Alaskan islets, but inhabitants of extra-territorial ocean waters, over which no state can claim the sole control.

Seemingly the one point which the American whalers can raise in respect of their Hudson Bay operations, is that they have for some years carried these on uninterruptedly. But Canada can in reply assert that this was only "outrageance" and not in such state recognized manner, as to create a valid right of continuance. The case would, therefore, seem to be one in which Canada can claim to decide whether or not this American whaling in Hudson Bay is to continue and, if so, on what terms of revenue or other contribution.

The matter is the more interesting for ourselves, as the subject comes to the front just before the time for a resettlement of the terms of the Behring Sea sealing convention, which is an expected event of the early future. Under all the circumstances the Dominion has seemingly excellent vantage ground in this dual concern, and it is to be hoped that in coming negotiations this will not be lost by our rulers. We have suffered from too many bad bargains with our neighbors of the States, and in this respect history should not repeat itself.

It is worth noting that the first ore shipment from what may become a most important producing camp, was made from Poplar last week. The owners of the Marquis and Gilbert group made this record by a consignment of 200 sacks of ore to the Trail smelter. The ore carries free gold in a main body that has the appearance of galena, but the chief reliance of the owners is on the gold values.

One of the most noted, and certainly one of the ablest and most successful Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada is about to resign the historic See of Nova Scotia, which, founded in 1787, was the first colonial bishopric established by the Church of England. Bishop Courtney now seeks somewhat less exacting duty, although not yet very old, being in his 67th year. He is not only an able administrator, but an eloquent speaker and preacher, and it will not be easy for his church to find an equally capable successor in his charge. His experience has been singularly varied; for, whilst English born and educated, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney served the Episcopal Church in Glasgow, in New York, in Chicago and in Boston ere coming to Canada and becoming, in 1888, Bishop of Nova Scotia. He will in that Province be, for some time, a public man "greatly missed."

There is a lady candidate for the Australian Senate, a Miss Vida Goldstein, who is standing for a seat in the State of Victoria. On opening her campaign at Portland, Miss Goldstein had to refute a serious charge, that of being under thirty. Some cruel opponent—perhaps a bold, bad man—had declared that she was only 25, the lowest age qualification of an Australian Senator being fixed at thirty. Miss Goldstein, however, confesses to thirty-two, and the best way out of the difficulty for the one who ventured to affirm the contrary, will be to say that she really does not look more than five and twenty.

Australia's lady candidate for Senatorial honors declares that she is a protectionist, also that she objects to party rule and party organization, as a most serious menace to a young democracy. She does not appear over confident of election, having, she says, to face all the proverbial disadvantages of a political pioneer and not only encounter the prejudice of "mere men," but also that of faint-hearted women. Miss Goldstein, whose name suggests Hebrew ancestry, is seemingly, however, possessed of the tenacity of her race.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier felt himself the other day compelled to write an open letter and send it to the leading English journals, denying a statement made at London public meetings to the effect that his Government had intended to contribute largely to Imperial naval defence, but had abandoned the idea as a result of Mr. Chamberlain's policy of alarming French-Canadian members of Parliament. It now appears, and the Toronto Globe vouches for it, that the misstatement which has so much annoyed Sir Wilfrid was not made by any bad Tory, but by a Toronto born and bred Canadian Liberal, Mr. Hamer Greenwood, who is now a salaried lecturer of the English Liberal party, and one of that party's candidates for the ancient city of York. In his candidature Mr. Greenwood has the strong financial support of very wealthy Yorkshire Liberals, who are finding him the shrews of war. Meanwhile it is really too bad for such a Liberal of two lands to libel his former chief, Sir Wilfrid, even though this be done with a view to "down" that bad man, Chamberlain, or Birmingham. Even the Toronto Globe is, in this instance, unpersuaded that in politics the end is apt to justify the means. There are limits to the application of the doctrine, as Mr. Greenwood will have to learn, unless there is to be trouble in store for him should he return to his Liberal friends in Toronto.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## CHORAL SOCIETY.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. J. G. Brown's letter in today's issue. There is no question about any one conductor wishing to monopolize the baton. I am sure Mr. Gideon Hicks does not. What is wanted is the right man and the best building. Mr. Brown only refers to part of my reasons why I say the Metropolitan church is the most suitable. We all know it is a willing service. I never raised any objection to helping other churches, but now he has put it in rather a striking manner (as much as to say, you are not bound to come). I will relate a few facts, and facts is facts, as the Irishman said: Now, sir, I have been in the choir which gave the "Messiah" in St. Andrew's church. The "Creation" (first time) in Metropolitan church; "Judas Maccabaeus" in First Presbyterian church; "The Creation" (second time) and the Festival; in every case the majesty of the choir has been different. Why, some people's conscience are so thin that they won't sing away from their own place. The Metropolitan church has become a sort of flag of truce between all creeds, a common ground, which seems to suit everyone. Myself, and others I have met, who should know, cannot see any impracticability about it at all. What is the difference between having a special musical service in a church and giving the collection to a missionary society, or having an oratorio and giving the proceeds to something local? Perhaps Mr. Brown knows some things we do not.

I am pleased to hear the "Elijah" is to be our next trial. For my own part I shall be only too willing to do my humble share, and many others, but I am sure a choir of 150 voices and an orchestra with organ in either of the churches mentioned, where would the people want to be? Outside, I should say. Even with the Metropolitan church I have been told, in the big choruses the sound was bounding back from the end of the building. If we had a town hall, not as now, a place more fit for a band, there would be no question about the most suitable place. So we should choose the best there is.

Our last effort has put new life in the musical circles of the city, and I am sure the next audience will be a large one, only two pleased to hear, even a better performance than the one just given.

As I said before, form a choral society and the members have a say in how it should be worked.

## ONE OF THE CHOIR.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The Marquis and Gilbert group has become a shipper, the first from Poplar. About 200 sacks of ore were shipped to Trail this week. It has the appearance of galena, carrying free gold, with the principal values in the yellow metal. This property is near the Sweden group and the owners are working it themselves. They are the right kind of men to have in a camp, for nothing makes a camp grow faster than hitting a drill on your own claims.—Poplar Nugget.

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That they are now to hand fresh from the factory. Also a large variety of "Christie Brown's" Goods, Water Ice, Macaroons, Short Bread, Social Teas and others.

**Windsor Grocery Company,**  
Opposite Post Office, Govt. Street.

## New Stocks of Xmas Nuts

## LARGE AND MEATY.

MIXED NUTS, per lb. 15c.  
COCONUTS, each 10c.  
ALMONDS, per lb. 20c.  
WALNUTS, per lb. 20c.  
BRAZILS, per lb. 20c.  
CHIPS/NUTS, per lb. 25c.  
Our stocks of Wines and Liquors are unquestionably the finest. Every bottle guaranteed pure.

**The "West End" Grocery Co. Lt.**  
PHONE 88. 42 GOVERNMENT STREET.

**The Saunders Grocery Co. Ltd.**  
PHONE 28. 20 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.

## The Paterson Shoe Stores

Our Special Sale of Xmas Slippers will begin tomorrow, when we will offer many unprecedented bargains; giving you a chance to get your presents at very little cost. Watch our Ad. in tomorrow's paper.

The Paterson Shoe Co., Ltd.



## CHRISTMAS HAS COME AT HASTIE'S FAIR

SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF OPENS THE FAIR  
WITH A PEEL OF JOY BELLS



Old Santa Claus has piled us up with all the new and up-to-date

## TOYS AND PRESENTS

Both useful and ornamental from all lands. He has brought something suitable and nice for every person in Victoria, both young and old. Call around early and spy out what you want before the crush begins. Everybody welcome at the Fair.

**HOT** Hot as it ought to be. Sweet as you like it.

**HOT** Hot Lemonade

**SODA.** will cure your cold

**HOT** Hot Beef Tea will

**SODA.** make you strong

**HOT** Hot Chocolate

**SODA.** will warm you up

We have our new Hot Soda Fountain going.

**TERRY & MARETT**  
CHEMISTS

S. E. Cor. Fort and Douglas

In the world, but the system can apply only to what might be termed surface ore. When the quarries attain depth the expenses of hoisting the ore must be taken into consideration. The Granby company has enormous tonnage which can be mined by quarrying, but the only practical method of deep mining without expensive hoisting is by a tunnel through which the ore can be cheaply hauled and hauled to the smelter. The Granby management is nothing if not practical. The cost of the tunnel will be large, but not beyond the limit of a fifteen million dollar company, which has already demonstrated that its mines can be operated at a profit.—Boundary Creek Times.

## A STRONG GOVERNMENT.

The McBride Government in British Columbia, finding it impracticable to bring the expenditure of the Province down to the level of the revenue, has undertaken to raise the revenue to the level of the expenditure. The step is one which requires more than ordinary courage. Under a series of weak administrations British Columbia has got into what can only be described as financial straits. It was fairly easy to borrow and very easy to spend, and whatever ministers did not do they did do these two. Then there was a surrender to the railway promoters, and large prospective liabilities were added to large actual obligations. A deficit of one million dollars was the result of each financial year's operations. The quick end of such conditions would be bankruptcy. Mr. McBride's policy is designed to avert this. It is the only wise policy. It is the policy of a strong man aware of the responsibilities of his position. It is trusted that the Legislature and people of British Columbia will have the knowledge to accept what is now proposed, or some reasonable modification of it; because only by such strong action can the Province's honor be maintained.—Montreal Gazette.

## SPENCER'S WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE SPENCER'S

## Sale of Holiday Handkerchiefs Today

Men's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular price 15c.; today 8c. each.

Men's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular price 25c. each; today 17c. each, three for 50c.

Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular price 15c.; today 8c. each.

Ladies' Lawn Handkerchiefs, lace edge, today three for 10c.

Ten different kinds of Fancy and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, value 15c.; today 10c.

Pure Silk Handkerchiefs with Silk initial, today 15c.

Men's Hemstitched Silk initial Handkerchiefs, special 25c. each.

Men's Heavy Twilled Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular 50c.; today 35c.

Special at 25c.—Ladies Lawn Handkerchiefs with fine Valenciennes lace border one inch wide.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs for ladies and gentlemen, all hemstitched, at 8c., 12c., 17c. and 25c. each.

All values that you would pay more for in the usual way.

## Xmas Gifts In Whitewear Dept

Shetland Floss Circular Shawls, in attractive combination colors. Prices \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Ice Wool Shawls, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

Maids' Aprons, a large assortment, 25c to \$1.50 each.

Children's Bear Skin Coats, \$2.50 to \$6.50.

Accordion Planted Dresses, cashmere and silk, \$10.50, \$15.00 and \$20.00.

Silk Dresses, trimmed lace. Prices \$3.75 to \$10.00.

White Muslin Dresses, 75c to \$4.50.

Knitted Wool Jackets, 50c. to \$1.75.

Infants' Robes, \$1.75 to \$15.00.

## Sale of Ornaments Today at less than half price

Ornamental Cigar Holders and Ash Trays, in the shape of elephants, cats, lions, donkeys, birds and pigs; were \$1.00 and \$1.50; today 50c.

183 Pin Trays, Match Holders, Cigar Holders, Ink Wells, Pen Wipers, Banks, Mirrors and Pin Cushions; were up to 75c. each; today 25c.

The reason for this clearance is that we can use the room to better advantage.

See the assortments of small articles specially priced today 25c to \$1.50 each.

A large part of the Rotunda is devoted to the sale of Silverware.

## Silver Novelties

White Muslin Dresses, 75c to \$4.50.

Knitted Wool Jackets, 50c. to \$1.75.

Infants' Robes, \$1.75 to \$15.00.

## Pewterware

We show today 28 pieces of this ware, in vases, flower dishes and various kinds of jars.

This is a small sample lot just in hand, and are the very latest novelties.

Prices \$2.50 to \$25.00 each.

## Boys' Books

Publisher's price, 75c.

## Today 25c

Nine colored illustrations in each book. See Government street window.

Titles as follows:  
Last of the Mohicans, Cooper.  
Coral Island, Ballantyne.  
Martin Rattler, Ballantyne.  
The Cruise of the Midge, Scott.  
Settlers in Canada, Capt. Marryat.  
Danesbury House, Mrs. Wood.  
The Rifle Ranger, Capt. Mayne Reid.  
Peter the Whaler, W. H. G. Kingston.  
Tom Brown's School Days, Hughes.  
Facts on the Tard, Marryat.  
Prince of the House of David, Ingraham.

## MANTLE DEPARTMENT

18 Handsome Costumes, long skirted and Russian jackets, regular \$35, \$40 and \$45, Today \$25. All new this Season and no two alike.

16 Black Cloth Skirts, Prices \$10, \$11.50 and \$13.50 Today \$6.50.

14 Ladies' Jackets, mixed Colors and black cloth Prices \$11.50 \$12.50 and \$13.50, Today \$10.00

## The New Mission Furniture

No sort of odd Furniture is so popular today as Mission.

The assortment we show today embraces odd Chairs, and Rockers, Writing and Library Tables and Desks.

Prices moderate.

## Gloves

All our importations for the season having reached the counters, we now offer a wide variety of styles that command interest.

At 75c. guaranteed Gloves or heavy Lamb Skin, a good looking glove that will wear.

At \$1.00 a real Kid Glove, fine or heavy make; all shades.

At \$1.50, highest grades, including the latest novelties.

## Austrian Glassware on Sale Today

\$1.25 Vases today, 75c.

50c. Vases today 25c.

50c. Vases today 25c.

## A Great Overcoat Sale Friday and Saturday

One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Men's Overcoats, nearly all our Fall Stock at \$5.75, \$7.75 and \$10, Regular \$10 to \$18 Each. See Windows Today for Display

Particular men will find this clothing all that we claim for it.

It is nice to make claims for clothing and know that they are valued.

The position of this store as far as statements are concerned, is impregnable.

It is not all in saving you \$5.00 on a coat.

Results tell. After the winter is over and you've had a season of Spencer's Clothing—that is where reputation counts.

Here are Coats priced for sale Friday and Saturday from \$4.25 to \$8.00 below their actual value and we know the merit of every Coat.

If not so, your money back quickly and cheerfully.

## D. SPENCER

## ENLARGEMENTS

From your Kodak Films make nice

## XMAS PRESENTS

Kodaks and supplies. Blue and Black blue printing.

FLEMING BROS., Govt St.

## Pellew-Harvey, Bryant &amp; Gilmour

## PROVING AL ASSAYERS

Mining Engineers and Metallurgists

Ores analyzed. Control assays.

Properties examined and sampled.

Trial shipments. Smelter tests.

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## Are we Supplying You With Electric Light?

If not, why not? Why continue to use coal oil when electricity is so cheap? Use the most convenient, brilliant and best light known, the Electric.

## B. C. Electric Ry. Co.,

35 Yates Street.

Advertise in the Colonist

**CHILBLAIN LINIMENT**

Cures Chilblains and saves you Pain and annoyance.

**25c., SOLD ONLY AT OUR STORE.**  
PHONE 425.**CYRUS H. BOWES, Chemist,**

98 Government Street. Near Yates Street. Open All Night.

**PULMONIC  
COUGH  
CURE**Will relieve that cough which has been  
bothering you. Try it!**HALL & CO.,**Dispensing Chemists.  
Cor. Douglas and Yates streets.**BUSINESS LOCALS.**McClary's Famous Steel Ranges at  
Clarke & Pearson's, 17 Yates street.Special—Carpenters' Tools at Cheap-  
side.**FOTOGRAFS.**A new display of Pictures is being  
exhibited at Savannah's entrance, Fifth  
Sisters' Block.

Gardening Tools at Cheapside.

**All The Leaders**—IN—  
**FIRE ARMS****AMMUNITION**

Largest Stock at

**John Barnesley & Co.,**

113 GOVERNMENT ST.

Repairs With Despatch.

**HAIR ROOM**A fine assortment of  
**HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS**  
And other Toilet Articles, is now being  
offered at greatly reduced prices to make  
room for other holiday goods.**THE B. C. DRUG STORE**A full line in stock of the Celebrated  
**APEX REMEDIES**  
Phone 356. J. Tague, Jr.**DOLLS**See Our Window Display  
And Prices.We are Crowded for Room  
They Must Go.**Ormond's Bookstore,** 96  
Govt. St.**Victoria Transfer Company**

LIMITED.

Best Equipped Hack and Livery Stable in  
the Province.All Rubber-Tired Hacks and Finest  
Livery Turnouts. Baggage, Furniture and  
Freight handled at reasonable rates and  
with dispatch.

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**ORIENTAL BAR**Very Choice of Liquors, Cigars, etc.  
Only the best kept.**JOS. DUBOIS,****ROYAL HOTEL**Excellent accommodation. Room and  
meals from \$1.25 per day. Rooms only  
from 50c. Merchants' hot lunch, 25c. Din-  
ner (6-course) 25c.**KINGSLEY & GREENWOOD,**

Proprietors.

**FORT STREET****CHRISTMAS GIFTS****FOR MEN.**House and Smoking Jackets.  
Dressing Gowns, \$7.50 up.Knitted and Fancy Waistcoats.  
Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and  
fancy.Linen Handkerchiefs, hem-  
stitched and embroidered  
initials.

Silk Umbrellas, choice handles

We have also a choice lot  
of Ladies' Silk Umbrellas,  
specially selected for Christ-  
mas gifts.

Make your selections early.

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Sellers, Hatters and Furriers

88 Government St.

Meetings Postponed.—It has been de-  
cided to postpone all meetings of the  
Central W. C. T. U. until after the holiday  
season.Once Again.—Philip Chalk was in the  
police court again yesterday morning on  
the same old charge, that of drunken-  
ness. He denied the allegation and was  
remanded until this morning.Scottish Entertainment.—The Sons of  
Scotland Society intend giving a special  
entertainment in the Victoria Theatre  
hall on Monday evening next. A very  
choice programme is being arranged,  
the details of which will be made public  
later.Piano Recital.—The pupils of Miss S.  
F. Smith spent a very pleasant after-  
noon at her studio on Saturday after-  
noon, when over forty pupils were pres-  
ent. After the recital refreshments were  
served. The studio was tastefully de-  
corating with bunting and evergreens.A Heavy Fog.—The persistent fogs  
during the past few days are without  
precedent in this season of the year.  
In the memory of the oldest inhabitant,  
Shipping operations are seriously in-  
convenienced. Yesterday morning the Char-  
mer did not get away to Vancouver until  
after 5 o'clock.Jailed for Life.—J. P. Walls, of this  
city, who has been appearing on behalf  
of the three Chinese who were accused  
of murdering Ah Chee, a Chinese gold  
miner, at French Bar in June last, has  
received notice that the sentences of  
all three have been commuted and  
all will be imprisoned for life. They  
were sentenced to be hanged on Decem-  
ber 4th last.An "At Home."—The Ladies' Aid So-  
ciety of First Presbyterian church will  
hold an "at home" and sale of work  
at the residence of Mrs. (Dr.) Camp-  
bell on Friday evening, Dec. 11. The  
afternoon refreshments will be served  
and a programme of music will be  
given in the evening. The ladies of  
this church are noted for getting up  
good entertainments, and this one will  
be exceptionally good.Pioneer Society.—An extraordinary  
general meeting of the British Colum-  
bian Pioneer Society is to be held at an  
early date, when the matter of am-  
plifying the membership qualification will  
be discussed. As a large number of  
young men, sons of pioneers, are desirous  
of joining the organization, it is pro-  
posed to make it eligible for all who  
were in Victoria in the year 1883 to  
become members.New Inventions.—The following Cana-  
dian patents have been secured during  
last week through the agency of Messrs.  
Marion, Marston, and Co., of  
Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D.  
C.: \$4,026, William Hall, Souris, Man.;  
cultivator; \$4,035, Andre Lalonde, Mon-  
treal, Que.; car; \$4,037, Louis  
Mignier, Brimandville, Que.; outside;  
\$4,040, Messrs. Dore & Poulin, La-  
pierre, Que.; plow; \$4,041, Lyon Cohen,  
Montreal, Que.; ball valve; \$4,046, Otto  
Zopf, Montreal, Que.; stopper for bot-  
tles.Licensing Board.—At yesterday after-  
noon's session of the board of licensing  
commissioners the following applications  
for transfer of license were granted:  
International hotel, Johnson street, from  
Messrs. Harter & Grey, to George B.  
Howard; Colonial Metropole, from Car-  
oline Fernando to Samuel J. Waldron;  
Oriental hotel to Margaret McKean; H.  
T. Cole, permission to move from Pritch-  
ard house to 47 Yates street; C. R.  
Johnson and Edward Harris, from John-  
son, to W. A. Millington and F. L.  
Wolfenden.The Orpheum.—This playhouse has  
certainly another strong bill this week.  
Miss Kate Weston, who is the pro-  
gramme with her buxom and winning  
figure, followed by the clever McDonald  
children in their songs and dances. Mr.  
Carl R. Huehl, the popular baritone,  
sings the beautiful song, "While the  
Convent Bells Were Ringing," artifi-  
cially illustrated. J. R. Lewis, the won-  
derful clog dancer, is making a big hit.  
Miss Kate Rockwell is also doing her  
beautiful electric dance. A long list of  
moving pictures closes the programme.Exit Iona.—"Iona Foster, the first  
registered palmist ever in Victoria," as  
she styled herself, has quit business—  
and thereby hangs a tale. Iona pub-  
lished a famous advertisement in which  
she proclaimed her ability to detect  
anything and make everybody rich. This  
is in contravention of a certain clause  
in the criminal code, which says that  
anybody who pretends "to have abili-  
ties to tell fortunes, is guilty of a con-  
temptible offence, and liable to a term  
of imprisonment. Chief Langley's atten-  
tion was drawn to Iona's offence and  
Iona quit business.Royal Templars.—At a meeting of  
Victoria council, Royal Templars, at  
Temperance hall, on Tuesday evening,  
the following officers were elected: Past  
chancellor, Mrs. W. A. Gleason; select  
councilor, Mrs. F. H. Gibson; vice  
councilor, Mrs. Field; chaplain, J. Le-  
gler; herald, Miss N. Salt; grand warden,  
Ritchie; recording secretary, W. A. Gleason;  
secretary-treasurer, J. H. Yeo;  
treasurer, Mrs. Thos. Linscombe; true-  
tee, J. Isler; delegates to grand council,  
meeting to be held at Chilliwack, B. C.,  
February 1st, Rev. R. B. Blyth, G. C.  
Rev. W. H. Gibson, S. C., W. A. Gleason  
and W. M. Ritchie.Arrested at Ellensburg.—Jack Wal-  
ters and wife, the forgers who passed  
several checks on fine local firms,  
have been arrested at Ellensburg, Wash-  
ington, after having won many  
Washington towns. It was on Satur-  
day, September 19th that the couple,  
with a child, came to Victoria and pass-  
ed several checks on fine local firms  
after banking hours, making a big score  
before the checks could be pre-  
sented. All the checks passed here  
were for supposed wages made out to  
one John Collins and signed by M.  
O'Keefe. They were from Victoria via  
Vancouver, and proceeded into the  
States before the frauds had been de-  
tected here.The Assessment Act.—The Victoria  
Board of Trade is sending telegrams  
to the various boards of trade through-  
out the province calling upon them to  
instruct the members from the districts  
to ask that the passage of the new As-  
sessment Act be delayed. A special  
meeting of the council of the Victoria  
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tery of Victoria held yesterday after-  
noon a special meeting in First Presby-  
terian church. An application to the  
manse and church building fund for a  
grant of \$200 for Ladies' Bazaar, a con-  
gregation towards the erection of a manse  
there, was approved and forwarded to  
the committee. The name of Rev. Mr.  
Boyle, missionary under appointment  
for two years to Ladysmith, was added  
to the roll of the presbytery. Arrangements  
were made for the forming of  
sessions at both Duncan and Ladys-  
mith. Messrs. Leask and O'Dell, Parks  
and Bryden, elders, were appointed to  
act respectively with the manse com-  
missioners in charge as sessions interim to  
carry out the instructions of the Presbytery  
in regard to the establishing of the ses-  
sions. The name of "The First Presby-  
terian Chinese Congregation" was changed  
to "The Presbyterian Chinese Mis-  
sion," Victoria.**RISK'S  
SPECIAL RESERVE  
SCOTCH WHISKEY**A special vatting of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies.  
Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being  
bottled.Probate of Will.—On application of  
H. B. Robertson, the chief justice yester-  
day granted an order for probate of the  
will of D. F. McDonald, deceased.At Victoria Theatre.—The first per-  
formance given by the Olympia Opera  
Company was held last night at the Vic-  
toria theatre, when Richard Scott's  
comic opera, "Said Pasha," was pro-  
duced. The performance was a very  
ordinary one. Tonight "Fra Diavolo"  
will be sung by the company; "Olivette"  
Friday and "The Chimes of Normandy"  
on Saturday evening. "La Mas-  
cotte" will be presented at a matinee  
on Saturday.Dr. A. A. Hamber has removed his  
office to Government street, over C. D.  
Redfern's.A great variety of Christmas Cards  
and Calendars at Hibben's.A Gift.—The little lady folks will  
be pleased to learn that a handsome  
doll is to be given away free some time  
in the near future. The doll is a beauty  
and may be seen in the window of the  
People's Store, 88 1/2 Douglas street.**NOTICE—BUSINESS CHANGE.**Chas. Cooper and P. M. Linklater hav-  
ing purchased from William Stewart his  
entire stock of fine tailoring goods, will  
conduct a first-class tailoring business  
on these premises and for Xmas are  
making big reductions in prices of suits,  
overcoats, etc., from choice imported  
goods. Call and see them. Fit and  
workmanship perfect.IMPERIAL HOTEL.—Elegantly fur-  
nished rooms. Cafe and bar open day  
and night. First-class in every respect,  
at reasonable prices. Cor. View and  
Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Schmidt  
& Gosnell, proprietors.All kinds of Carpet Work, Upholster-  
ing, etc., executed by experienced men.  
Your orders will receive our best and  
prompt attention. Send us your favors,  
which are always appreciated. Weiler  
Bros.

Gibson's Calendars at Hibben's.

Six Hundred.—Among the many other  
holiday attractions at the People's Store,  
88 1/2 Douglas street, are 600 bits of  
new and novel designs, just purchased  
direct from the manufacturers. The  
prices for which these are to be offered  
to the public should ensure ready  
sale. See their ad. elsewhere.Why is it that the people find Weiler  
Bros. to be the best place in town for  
Xmas Gifts? Because they have the  
right kind of things to sell; things that  
are durable, useful and artistic.Games for the Holiday Season at  
Hibben's.

The Christmas Papers at Hibben's.

New Dinner Sets, New Art Pottery,  
New Holiday Ware; new everything; not  
a lot of stuff unearthed especially to  
catch Xmas trade, but goods bright,  
clean and up to date, direct from the  
manufacturers. Weiler Bros.THREE NEW HOT DRINKS.—TO-  
MATO BRACER, CLAM COCKTAILS,  
K. P. C. WINE—TRY THEM.Waterman's Fountain Pens at Hib-  
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SEE WINDOW****H. Young & Co**Of course you like good coffee. Well,  
make it in a Marion Harland Coffee Pot.  
It extracts all the aroma and strength  
of the berry, allowing none of the bitter-  
ness to go into the solution. Call and  
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Of All Descriptions.  
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35 Fort St. Telephone 697.  
Office E. A. Harris & Co.**KLONDIKE  
SERGES**The BLACK AND BLUE KLON-  
DIKE SERGES, are the best to hold  
their color and wear like iron.Get one and be convinced. Ren-  
sable price, from**PEDEN'S**

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we will clear out our entire stock of La-  
dies' Costumes.**This Season's Styles**A very fine range of Sample Suits will  
be included in this sale.**Our New Stock of Furs  
at a Reduction.****PRESENTS  
FOR CHRISTMAS**A most acceptable Xmas Gift is a piece  
of jewelry or silverware, it being good,  
useful and lasting. We have laid in a  
specially fine stock for this season, and the  
low prices at which we can supply really  
good articles will surprise you.As it would be impossible to enumerate  
all we have to offer, we ask you to visit  
our store, when we shall be pleased to  
show our goods, whether you wish to  
purchase or not.**C. E. REDFERN,**

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Sunlight Soap washes the clothes white and won't hurt the hands.  
LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED, TORONTO.

### EDNA WALLACE GIVES EVIDENCE

Plaintiff in the Suit of Hopper  
vs Dunsuir on the  
Stand.

In the case of Hopper vs. Dunsuir, which was continued yesterday, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper appeared, together with Mr. Murray, on behalf of Mrs. Joan Dunsuir, the party plaintiff. L. P. Duff, one of the counsel for the plaintiff, asked that the evidence of Edna Wallace, a maid who had been in the employ of the late Mrs. Alexander Dunsuir, be taken by commission at San Francisco, as her husband would not allow her to come to Victoria to give evidence. An affidavit to this effect was made by Mamie Howe, the former maid, who gave evidence the previous day. Mr. E. P. Davis, for the defendant, objected on the ground that the affidavit had been made by Miss Howe instead of by plaintiff's counsel at San Francisco, and although the affidavit stated that Mrs. Bailey's husband had told defendant he would not allow his wife to come to Victoria to give evidence, it did not show that defendant believed this. He held that the delay occasioned by this procedure was unnecessary. Mr. Duff argued contra, holding that it was necessary to have the testimony of this witness. The application was refused by Mr. Justice Drake on the ground that the reasons given were not sufficient to delay the trial at this late date.

Mr. E. P. Davis then took up the cross-examination of Mamie Howe, the maid of the late Mrs. Alexander Dunsuir, and witness stated in answer to questions that the late Alexander Dunsuir did not require assistance to walk about the grounds. She heard him talk intelligently. In her opinion he was too childish to conduct business. She then took the stand, and told of living with the late Alex. Dunsuir and her mother at San Francisco in the seventies, of how she had been sent to boarding school by the late Alex. Dunsuir. She told of leaving home to go on the stage, and gave similar evidence to that previously given relative to the mode of life of the late Alexander Dunsuir. She will be cross-examined today by Mr. E. P. Davis, the case having been adjourned soon after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon so that he could devote today to his cross-examination.

## To Weak Men THE LAST RESORT SHOULD BE THE FIRST

Mr. M. Haig, 36 By Ward Market Square, Ottawa, Ont., wrote me the other day as follows: "If any one has given your Belt a fair trial I have, and I do not regret it. When I got the Belt I could not stoop to tie my shoes, and had to be helped to get my coat on. Now I have not a pain or an ache and feel as well as ever I did. If I feel sore after heavy work I put the Belt on, and get up in the morning as limber as ever. I recommend the Belt to every one I see. I will be 87 years old in May next."

You may doubt my ability to cure you—and if you have tried other remedies which promised as much as mine, and failed, I cannot blame you. You made a mistake, that's all; you resorted to the wrong means of cure at the beginning. You probably know of no other remedy than drugs; did not know that drugs are good for some cases—mostly fevers and acute diseases—but not for nervous and organic troubles, which are generally of the chronic or "come and go" kind. I fail to convince some people, because they will not use their own intelligence. I don't ask you to take my word only. I give you reference to people who were as you are to-day, and are cured. I also explain how you will be cured—give you tests of the means of cure. When you see how the cure is made, it will appeal to your common sense. There is no mystery about it, like there is about drug prescriptions in a dead language to cover up what is being done. You will know why and how you will be cured, just as I know. You will regain your confidence, because you will understand the matter as well as I do. Then, after you are cured, you will tell others to quit drug treatment, and use Nature's Remedy—Electricity. You will say like Mr. John Keas, of Brownsville, Ont.:

Sir—I am more than satisfied with the results of the Belt. I am fifty-three years old, and for the past four years I have hardly been free from rheumatic pains, some times in my arms and shoulders, and other times in my hips and legs, and down to my heels. I could hardly get around. I have worn your Belt for five weeks, and have not had any trouble with rheumatism after I had worn the Belt for three days. I could realize it was helping me after I had it on for one hour.

READ WITH CARE. Every patient wearing Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt receives free of charge the advice of a physician who understands his case. Agents or drug stores are not allowed to sell these goods.

FREE BOOK.—If you can't call, write for my beautiful descriptive book, showing how my Belt is used. It explains how my Belt cures weakness in men and women and gives prices. Send for it to-day.

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NOTE—WE PAY DUTY  
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### EXCURSIONS NOW FROM MANITOBA

Tourist Association Succeeds In  
Getting Satisfactory Arrangement  
With C.P.R.

At the annual weekly meeting of the Victoria Tourist Association, held on Tuesday evening, a letter was read from E. J. Corie, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R. western lines, in which he states: "I am advised that excursions will be run from Manitoba and the Territories to Vancouver and Victoria, tickets being on sale December 15th, 16th and 17th; January 12th, 13th and 14th. For this excursion a rate of single fare for the round trip will be made, tickets good for three months from date of issue, and for continuous passage both ways."

The very greatest satisfaction was expressed at the announcement contained in the above letter, as it represents the culmination of two years' efforts in that direction. In order to reap the best advantage from the low rates, the Tourist Association intends to take active steps towards extensively advertising the Western excursions.

Financial needs were gone into at considerable length, and a determination arrived at to try and arrange for the immediate collection of subscriptions.

Plans for next year were considered, and these, of course, will depend to a very large extent, upon the success of the canvass for yearly subscriptions.

Secretary Cuthbert reported having received a letter from Arthur Fraser, of Pretoria, Transvaal, asking for a further supply of "Picturesque Victoria."

SMUGGLED AT VICTORIA.

A despatch from Portland says it is stated there that a long war, similar to the one which occurred here fourteen years ago, is brewing in Chinatown between the Hui On Sings and the Hop Sings. The trouble is said to have started by the attempted abduction of a female slave by one of the Hop Sings, and further complicated by the confiscation of a letter addressed to Chin Bow Sing, alleged to be connected with smuggling operations at Victoria, B. C., by Inspector Barbour of the immigration service, and by him forwarded to the authorities at Washington.

The Hop Sings are said to have made threats that if the letter is not returned to them unopened they will take the matter into their own hands.

### Amalgamation Against Cannery

Will Seek to Force an Advance  
in the Contract Price For  
Help.

Price Will Be Raised Three Cents  
a Case—Combine a Strong  
One.

A combination has been made by the Chinese merchants in British Columbia, final arrangements having been completed at a meeting held in Victoria whereby, owing to the expected lack of Chinese labor which will follow the raising of the head tax on Chinese from \$50 to \$500 on January 1st, the Chinese contractors who supply Chinese employees to the canneries throughout British Columbia will demand a guaranteed payment for 75 per cent of the pack prepared for and an additional 3 cents on each case of salmon put up. In order that these demands may be enforced every supplier of Chinese labor and merchant in British Columbia coast cities and towns has been included in the association formed, and each member is assessed a fee of \$5 for a fund. Any member breaking the arrangement made will be fined \$100, one-half of which will go to the informer.

This arrangement is a result of a combination started some time ago at New Westminster by Chinese merchants who have been supplying Chinese employees to the many canneries on the Fraser river. After having combined all the Chinese at the Fraser river city, and at Steveston and adjoining camps and towns, meetings were called in Vancouver, Nanaimo, Union and at other places where Chinese are living in any number, and when all the preliminary arrangements were completed by the organizers of this great combination of the Chinese merchants of British Columbia, a meeting of delegates was held on Tuesday night in the hall of the Chinese Consolidated Benefit Society on Piquard street to complete arrangements.

When it was decided that a demand would be made on the canneries for additional pay for putting up the salmon. In view of the fact that numbers of Chinese will be stopped from entering the country at the beginning of the year, and there are now but eight more steamers to come, each not able to bring more than about 150, all told not bringing more than 1,000, the Chinese merchants think a better price can be secured from the canneries. They will also demand that a guarantee be made at the commencement of the season when arrangements are made for the supply of labor whereby payment shall be made for 75 per cent of the estimated pack, whether the actual pack be large or small. The Chinese will ask for 3 cents or thereabouts extra on each case put up, which will amount to no small sum when the grand total of the number of cases put up in the province is considered.

Should the canners not agree to the demands of the Chinese they intend to do nothing, and will not supply any labor for putting up the cases at the canneries. The combination is said by the Chinese to be one of the strongest ever made in the province, for all the merchants who have been supplying Chinese to the canners have enrolled themselves in the association, and as stated, in order that none of them shall break the agreement to be made by supplying Chinese at a lower rate, it has been arranged that anyone so doing will be subject to a fine of \$1,000, of which half will go to the informer.

### SPORTING NEWS.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Victoria vs. Nanaimo.

On Saturday next the Victoria Senior team will play their first home game for the B. C. Rugby Union championship, against Nanaimo. The home team will have the strongest aggregation they have put in the field for several years. The forward division is without doubt the best of any of the league teams and the bank division has been materially strengthened by the addition of Heb Gillespie and McLeod. With these two players the team will be very much stronger than the fifteen that represented Victoria at Vancouver three weeks ago and if weather conditions are favorable, the outlook for winning the game on Saturday is directly rosy. The line up of Victoria will be as follows: Full back, Ken Gillespie; three-quarter backs, Ken Schofield (capt.), Heb Gillespie, S. J. Patton, W. McLeod; half backs, Al Gillespie, Millman; forwards, F. A. McLeod, J. C. Corrie, C. C. McLeod, J. C. McLeod, Anstin, Grundy, L. Janion, A. McLeod. The ball will be kicked off at 3 p. m., and it is to be hoped there will be a large attendance, as a good game is promised.

Before the senior game, two officers from the Victoria Intermediates will try conclusions. All the players are requested to turn out as in order to regain the laurels lost at Vancouver, the boys must practice faithfully.

Rugby Match.

The Victoria Intermediates will have a club run from the J. B. A. A. rooms this evening at 8 o'clock, and will also practice scrimmage formation in the gymnasium.

The weekly tournament of the J. B. A. A. club takes place this evening in the club rooms at 8:30 p. m.

BASKETBALL.  
A return match between the Victoria and Capital basketball teams will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, corner James and Broad streets, on Monday, the 14th instant, at 8:30 p. m.

CRICKET.  
The annual general meeting of the Victoria Cricket Club has been called for tomorrow evening, the 11th inst., at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held in parlors of the Hudson hotel. All interested in cricket, who stay members of the club, are not, are invited to be present. At this meeting the committee's report and the treasurer's statement will be submitted and officers elected for the season of 1904.

PERSONALS.  
J. D. Prentice, ex-finance minister, came down last evening from the Mainland. James Harvey is down from Comox on a brief visit.

C. A. Steele returned last evening from a business trip to the Mainland. Miss Lizzie McNeil is a passenger from Vancouver by the Charnier yesterday evening.

A. B. Clabon, the mining operator of Rossland, was a passenger to Vancouver by the Charnier yesterday evening.

Steve O'Brien is over from Seattle. S. F. Mallory of Kamloops, was here yesterday to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of British Columbia.

Wm. Allen and wife, left for England yesterday, traveling by the Great Northern railway.

W. J. Purcell, North Yakima, and W. Kellogg, Alder, Wash., are at the Queen's. J. Carmichael, Mt. Sicker; J. Walker, of Renton; James Patton, Spokane, are at the Queen's.

Mr. O. J. Monk, of Chemahua, and Mrs. S. A. Lacey and family, of Ladysmith, are at the Queen's.

The following are registered at the Victoria: R. W. Henderson, of Portland, Ore.; W. E. Morell, Chemahua; Mrs. K. Dore, Seattle; P. D. Roe, Port Moody; R. L. McIntosh, Port Essington; G. R. Ingles, Kamloops; H. C. A. Kirkwood, Chicago; A. G. Hopkin, C. M. Robson, Vancouver.

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CATARH COMMON SENSE.—Common sense applied as a medicine as anywhere. Anyone having a sore on any part of the body applies a good healing salve. Anyone suffering with Catarrh, which is a disease causing inflammation and ulceration of the mucous membrane, should apply a good healing, antiseptic, germ-killing salve to the sore and inflamed parts. That's why Japanese Catarrh Cure is the best Cure. It remedies every disease part, heals the sores and stops the dropping in the throat. 50 cents at all druggists.

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### ALTERATION SALE

The present premises being too small for our increasing business, arrangements have been made to move to more ample quarters. The alterations will commence early in the new year. It will be necessary to realize upon the stock and greatly reduce it before alterations commence. Now is the time when this can be done. A general reduction in prices goes into effect today, and will continue during December.

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A. P. BLYTH,  
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Time Table No. 49, Taking Effect Thursday Oct. 29.

Northbound	Southbound	Northbound	Sat. Sun. & Wed.	Southbound
Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	Arrive.	Arrive.
Victoria	8:00	Victoria	8:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncan	11:00	Duncan	5:00	6:00
Ladysmith	11:57	Ladysmith	6:06	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	Nanaimo	6:41	3:00
Arr. Wellington	12:53	Arr. Wellington	7:03	Arr. 8:15

THROUGH TICKETS TO CROFTON.

Via Westholme. Stage leaves daily, connecting with north and south bound trains. Double stage service Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, connecting with morning and afternoon trains. Fare from Victoria, single, \$2; return \$3.

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Excursion Rates in effect to all points good going Saturday and Sunday returning not later than Monday.

GEO. L. COURTNEY,  
Traffic Manager



Miss Nettie Hayland presided over the  
an pie. The smaller room had been  
decorated in the Japanese style, with  
interns, etc., and this was largely  
attended. Tea was served at 6 o'clock,  
and in the evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. H.

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Russia, if necessary. Christmas, however, is a time of peace and good will, and the

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## WHITE MIDDINGS

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### Empress Of India

#### From the Orient

White Liner Had a Rough Voyage From the Ports Across the Pacific.

### Italian Ship Cavour is a Wreck-- Sailings of the Oriental Liners.

The heavy fog delayed the white liner Empress of India on her arrival from the Orient. The big liner, under Captain Head, as stated, on Tuesday night, and was to have come to the Ocean dock soon after daylight yesterday. She was held by the fog, though, and Capt. Marshall dropped anchor in the Royal Roads and awaited the coming of the steamer Queen City, which went out as tender to the liner yesterday afternoon.

The Empress had a very rough passage from the Orient, encountering heavy southerly gales soon after leaving Yokohama as a result of which she lost one of her boats. Heavy seas flooded her decks, and one of the boats was swept out of the davits at the poop. After crossing the meridian she encountered heavy gales from the southeast, but no further damage resulted. The steamer brought forty first class passengers, thirty being Europeans, including two servants, five Japanese and four Chinese. There were 20 intermediates, four being Europeans, 12 Chinese and 12 Japanese. The Empress was the property of the Orient Line, being the family of a local Chinese, and there were three Japanese. There were 233 steerage passengers, of whom 152 Chinese were bound to overland points, and 81 disembarked here. There were 45 Japanese. Among the saloon passengers were several army and naval men and some commercial travelers. Mr. George R. Gregg, a Winnipeg commercial man, returned from another business trip to Japan, having been accompanied by his wife on this occasion. Other saloon passengers were: Paul Barbillan, Mrs. B. Barbillan, Mrs. Zaida Benrusse, E. J. E. Bracken and servant, J. H. Cockbridge, A. H. Dare, H. C. Du Val, and wife, C. L. Du Val, A. G. Foster, Miss J. Gallup, George H. Graves, Geo. R. Gregg and wife, J. C. Grew, Miss A. Grigg, Captain Z. H. Jerram, R.N., and servant, S. Kahn, C. P. Kers, Chai Kum, Mrs. Kushimoto and child, Miss Myu Liao, Miss Hank Liao, Master Liao Yu, B. E. Lum and wife, C. H. Macdonald, R.N., P. de C. Morris, J. Otani, J. Otani, Mr. G. B. Palmes, R.N.; Cecil P. Talbot, R.N.; G. Smith, Bertram Vignier, R.N.; H. P. Wilson, R.N.

The steamer had a cargo of 2,602 tons, measurement, 1,055 tons weight, of 37,032 packages, all told. The cargo included 1,314 cases of silk goods, 136 cases of raw silk, 65 rolls of matting, 26 cases of cigars, 11 cases of pearlshell crystals, 2 cases of gold thread, 1 case of silverware.

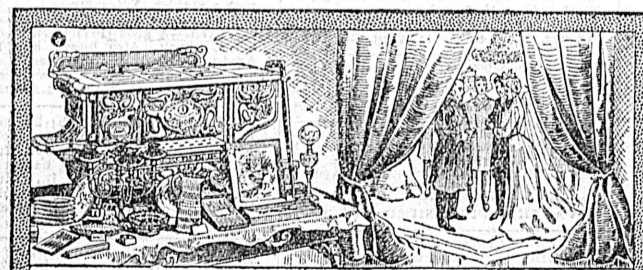
Scant news was received by the liner regarding the collision case which was proceeding when the steamer left Shanghai. Some of her officers gave evidence before the court. The evidence of the Chinese went to show that the Empress of India was the following steamer, having come up stern of the Wong Tai, the Chinese cruiser which was sunk. The Empress' officers, on the other hand, gave evidence that the Wong Tai swerved to port as the Empress came up with her, which resulted in the Empress colliding with her.

#### A STEAMBOAT RACE.

Charles R. Spencer's Owners Challenge the Bailey Gatzert to Race.

There is excitement on the Columbia river where arrangements are being made between two of the fast sternwheelers on the upper Columbia. The challenge was issued in a statement made by General Manager H. C. Campbell of the Regulator line, to some club friends that he would like to have a race to prove that the Gatzert is a faster boat than the Spencer. Fred C. Ballin, the naval architect was present, and asked Mr. Campbell if he would like the matter laid before Captain E. W. Spencer, of the opposition line. Mr. Campbell assented and Mr. Ballin carried the news to the Oak Street dock.

Captain Spencer did not hesitate a minute in accepting the offer. It is what he has been waiting for for months, he said. In order that there might be no mistake, he laid down his propositions in writing



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## Legislative Assembly

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Acts heretofore in force was struck out, as tending to work some hardship in certain cases.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) objected to the large powers which he alleged were granted to the Lieutenant-Governor in council under clause 177.

The hon. minister said this was merely a portion of the old act of 1896, and the government did not now seek any enlargement of powers. He then explained in detail the working of the section, and said that it was his power to meet the requirements of cases arising.

Mr. Macdonald maintained that this was a general omnibus clause which put the whole matter in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor in council.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said this was a clause that would be sure to strike a lawyer's mind instantly, as a possible bone of contention. He held that the power to extend the time under the clause was really in the interest of the taxpayer. The objection of the hon. leader of the opposition could be met by the laying on the table of the House for the first few days after the passing of the act, in order to give time to the government to extend the time, and he pointed out the necessity for this in the case of untried and inexperienced officials working in large districts. The clause is as follows:

"In order to promote and facilitate the collection and recovery of taxes, and to give full and due effect to the meaning and intent of this act or any amendment thereof, and of the schedules of forms to this act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time make and discharge such rules and regulations as may, in his opinion, be necessary or desirable for carrying out the spirit, intent and meaning of this act in relation to matters for which no express provision has been made, or for or in respect of which only partial or imperfect provision has been made; or when the time limited for any act or step is insufficient, or where, by accident or otherwise, such act or step has not been taken, or shall appear to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that an alteration in dates is necessary or desirable, or where any proceeding under this act, or intended to be, has been taken and failed, or if, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, any ambiguity or difficulty shall arise in the construction of or in applying this act, or if any change of practice, procedure or method may be deemed desirable, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by rules or regulations, from time to time make and promulgate such enlargement, extension, or alteration in times or dates or adopt such measures to relieve from ambiguity or difficulty as he may see fit; and any such rules or regulations shall be published in at least one issue of the British Columbia Gazette, and shall have the force of law."

The section was amended by striking out the words "or adopt such measures to relieve from ambiguity or difficulty." The hon. minister said that the amendment regarding the taxation of mines and minerals the hon. attorney-general said that it was the intention of the government to introduce legislation to deal with this whole matter. It was the intention of the government to repeal the present law re taxation on mines and minerals. When the new bill came down he could then introduce his proposed amendments. There was not the slightest desire to shut him out from making those amendments.

Mr. Macdonald thought it would be better to repeal at once the whole act dealing with mineral taxation.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said the only object in maintaining the act in force was for the recovery of arrears accrued under its provisions.

Mr. Macdonald was of the opinion that this was fully covered by law.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said if the bill was repealed at once swept out of existence all power to recover taxes due under its operation.

Mr. Macdonald withdrew his objection.

Hon. Mr. Wilson introduced an amendment to the exemption of corporations and companies clause, to exempt the income of benevolent societies derived from their dues and assessments.

Mr. Drury objected that this did not cover the investments of those societies, and quoted a recent Ontario case in point, holding that the result of that action showed what was likely to happen in this province. It was a case of successful resistance by a benevolent society of payment of interest on its municipal debenture investments.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that Mr. Drury had actually voted on the amendment which he was now attacking.

Mr. Drury admitted that he had not thought of it until the chairman was putting the question.

Everything in this long bill was now cleared up except the schedules.

The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the Evidence Act, Mr. Tatlow in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Wilson moved that the following be added as new sections:

"3. Said chapter 71 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

"4. Whenever it becomes necessary to prove the nationality or race of a person in any action, case, proceeding or matter in any court, or in or upon any investigation, trial, hearing, proceeding or matter before a stipendiary magistrate, police magistrate, or judge, or more justices of the peace, or judge, stipendiary magistrate, police magistrate, or justice of the peace, may in or as a fact the nationality or race of the person in question from the appearance of such persons."

"4. Section 6 of chapter 22 of the act of 1902 is hereby repealed."

Mr. Macdonald objected that this would work hardship in the case of foreigners.

Hon. Mr. Wilson held that there would be no difficulty whatever on that head, and a lengthy argument followed on this technicality, the main point being the proving that a man belonged to a particular race.

On a division on the adoption of the amendment it was carried.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments. To be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the Coal Tax Act, 1900, Mr. Clifford in the chair.

There was no discussion on the various clauses of the bill, which was reported from the committee with amendments. Third reading next sitting of the House.

Mr. Fraser (Grand Forks) moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Pharmacy Act. He explained that the object of the bill was to prevent unregistered practitioners doing business. An unregistered man could open business in an unincorporated district and dispense drugs, and if the district became an incorporated municipality he continued to dispense drugs.

Dr. King (Cranbrook) supported the amendment to the bill in a neat little speech, which was heartily applauded.

The Premier thought this was a most important matter, as it dealt with human life, which was quite as sacred outside municipal limits as inside.

The bill was read a second time.

The House adjourned at 5:15 p. m. until 2 p. m. today.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Oliver to move on Friday next that an order of the House be granted directing the Deputy Provincial Secretary to return the ballot boxes used in the provincial election in the electoral district of Fernie to the returning officer for that district for the purpose of producing the said ballot boxes before the county court judge, so as to allow the record applied for to be produced with.

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Mr. R. Hall will move alteration of bill 3, sec. 6, clause 3, line 491, on report, to insert after the words "and give precedence," excepted and after deducting all sums of money paid by fire insurance corporations or associations to policy holders for loss on claims arising within the province and return premiums on cancelled policies or reduction of rates.

By Mr. Paterson on Friday next, questions of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Forests will be given the road superintendent of that district as to the commencing and closing of work and the amount to be expended in 1903?

3. What instructions, written or verbal, given to any one other than the authorized superintendent regarding road work on Gabriola Island in the month of September, 1903?

4. If so, by whom and to whom, and what was the nature of the instructions? The Hon. Mr. Fulton to move, upon the consideration of the report on bill No. 5, intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," the following amendments:

To strike out section 5 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The land occupied and claimed as the right-of-way for railway by any railway company, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated before the 21st day of February 1895, and other lands occupied by the company for station or engine houses, or freight sheds, or other buildings connected with the actual operation of the railway, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated before the 21st day of February 1895, shall be assessed and taxed as real estate, and at the sum of \$3,000 per mile."

To strike out sections 6 and 7 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"6. The lands mentioned in sub-section (3) of section 3 hereof without the limits of any municipal corporation shall be assessed and taxed as real estate or wild land in accordance with the provisions of the Assessment Act."

By Mr. Houston, on Friday next, questions of the Hon. the Minister of Finance:

1. What amount was received as commissions and fees on sales for taxes for the year ending June 30th, 1903?

2. What amount was expended for costs, expenses and advertising tax sales for the year ending June 30th, 1903?

By Mr. Hall, on Friday next, questions of the Hon. the Premier:

1. How many reports has Mr. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for the Province of British Columbia, made to the government since his appointment?

2. How many clerks has he in his employ? Their names, together with the date of their appointment and the salaries paid.

By Mr. Hall on Friday next, questions of the Hon. the Minister of Finance:

Whereas representations have from time to time been made to the Dominion government for the approval of fish traps for the purpose of salmon fishing industry.

And whereas the passing of a regulation permitting the use of fish traps would be beneficial to the salmon canning industry of this province.

Be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia requesting him to communicate with the Federal government, urging the government to permit the use of fish traps in connection with the salmon canning industry.

Mr. Garden to move, upon consideration of the report on bill No. 3, intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on Property and Income, to amend section 129, line 6, by striking out the words 'two dollars' and substitute therefore the words 'one dollar for advertising in a newspaper and one dollar for all other expenses'."

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